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SUBJ: JAPANESE TRAVEL OF STR DENT

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PASS STR FOR AMBASSADOR DENT

1. REFTTEL A REPORTED GOJ DECISION TO HOLD NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR FORMER PRIME MINISTER SATO. DATE NOT RPT NOT FIXED BUT EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER BY JUNE 6 AT LATEST. FUNERAL LIKELY TO BE JUNE 16 BUT WE CAN NOT RPT NOT CONFIRM THIS UNTIL IT IS FORMALLY ANNOUNCED BY GOJ. WILL ADVISE SOONEST.

2. IF NATIONAL FUNERAL FIXED FOR JUNE 16, CAN AMBASSADOR DENT DELAY HIS VISIT TO JAPAN BY A FEW DAYS? WHILE THERE IS NO POST-WWII PRECEDENT FOR "NATIONAL" FUNERAL, SENIOR LEVELS OF GOJ WILL CLEARLY BE INVOLVED IN CEREMONIES, AND APPOINTMENTS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL THAT DAY LIKELY BE IMPRACTICABLE. MOREOVER, PUBLIC SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR DENT AT JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY/ACCJ LUNCHEON (FOR WHICH PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN CIRCULATED) WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE ON DAY OF NATIONAL FUNERAL.
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